S.No.	Name of Scheme	Estimated cost	Amount debitable to	
			C.R.F.	State Plan
		—Rs. in lakhs—		
1.	Construction of a parallel service road on Ahmedabad bypass from Kms 0/0 to 2/5, 3/7 to 6/6 & Kms 6/0 to 13/230.	163.00	120.00	43.00
2.	Widening to Intermediate lane of Mehsana-Bodla-Modhera road from Kms. 12/0 to 25/200	37.225	34.71	2.515
		Total:	154.71	

(c) Since these works have been approved on 28.2.1992, these are yet to be started.

[*English*]

Smuggling of Gold

*550 SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large quantity of gold is smuggled from Dubai to India;

(b) if so, the quantity of such gold seized during 1991-92; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the smuggling of gold from Dubai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b): Gold is generally smuggled from gulf region including Dubai. The total quantity of smuggled gold, including that from Dubai, seized during 1991-92 is 4.2 tonnes* valued at Rs. 173.1 crores*

(c) The machinery to check smuggling of gold and other contraband goods from Dubai and elsewhere has been strengthened from time to time and preventive activities intensified. A strict vigil is kept on vulnerable point. Close co-ordination is maintained with the Coast Guard, BSF, Police etc. Besides, a major step taken recently is to allow Indians and NRIs coming to India after stay of six months or more to bring gold as baggage on payment of customs duty of Rs. 450/- per 10 gms in convertible foreign exchange. As a result of this policy change domestic price of gold has come down sharply, thus making smuggling of gold less attractive.

Trade Fair Complexes

*551. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the places where Trade Fair Complexes have been set up by the Trade Fair Authority of India;

(b) whether the Government propose to

* Figures are provisional.

set up a Trade Fair Complex at Mysore in Karnataka;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d): The Trade Fair Authority of India has set up a Trade Fair Complex only at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi so far. In order to take a final view to set up a permanent exhibition complex at Banglore, a proposal has been under discussion between the Govt. of Karnataka and the India Trade Promotion Organisation.

Consumption and Export of Fruits and Vegetables

5861. SHRI H.D.DEVEGOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed the quantity of fruits and vegetables required for domestic consumption;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the countries where fruits and vegetables are exported; and

(d) the places in the country where cargo facilities have been provided for export of these goods?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir. No such study has been conducted by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Fruits and vegetables are exported mainly to US, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, UK etc.

(d) Cargo facilities have been provided at major airports such as Delhi, Bombay, Trivandrum, Calcutta, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Madras etc.

Tea Cultivation in Tamil Nadu

5862. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board has approved the proposal of the Tamil-Nadu Tea Development Corporation Ltd. for raising tea cultivation in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tea Board has approved the proposal of the Tamil Nadu Tea Development Corporation Ltd., Government of Tamil Nadu for bringing an additional area of 3000 hectares under tea cultivation to be planted over a period upto 1996-97. Out of this, 2370.5 hectares would be planted in Annamalai's in Coimbatore district and the balance 629.5 hectares in Nilgiris District. The Board has agreed to extend financial assistance covering 1500 hectares in Annamalai's by treating this area as non traditional areas as a special case. The Board would be disbursing a total assistance of Rs. 9.75 crores, comprising Rs. 6 crores as Loan and Rs. 3.75 crores as subsidy.

Export of Sugar

5863. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: